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Anthracite Coal Situation.

While a general strike of the work-
men in the anthracite coal fields of
Pennsylvania is not immediately immin-
ent, the situation is such as to give
the country grave concern. Unless a
way is found to reconcile the differences
between the miners and the operators
within a month or so, probably the
strike will follow.The situation now is this: The work-
men, through their representatives, have
placed their demands before the opera-
tors. These demands were for in-
creased pay amounting to about 10 per
cent, a shorter working day, and other
minor changes in contracts. These de-
mands have been rejected, as a whole,
by the operators, and a committee has
been appointed to treat with the repre-
sentatives of the miners, after deliver-
ing the ultimatum of the operators' as-
sociation.It ought to be possible for these com-
mittees to arrive at some agreement sat-
isfactory to both. As a last resort, both
committees could appeal to a govern-
ment commission or some other impar-
tial tribunal as umpire before going to
the length of a general strike. One
view of the situation is that the threat-
ened strike is not to come immediately,
but that a period of uncertainty may
greatly disturb the coal trade, if it does
not unsettle business. Anthracite coal
is so much of a public necessity that
any disturbance connected with its regu-
lar and easy supply affects the whole country
adversely.

Highway to Gettysburg.

What is known as the Borland plan
for the construction of a highway be-
tween this city and Gettysburg is now
before Congress in the form of a bill
introduced by Representative Borland,
of Mississippi. The bill provides an
appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the con-
struction of the road, and stipulates that
it shall be known as the "Lincoln High-
way" or bear some similar appropriate
title.Probably no other public improvement
of the magnitude of this highway
arouses more sentimental interest or
would result in greater practical ad-
vantage to the people. While it would
benefit first the citizens of Maryland,
particularly those who own property
along the proposed route, it would be
of much wider benefit to the City of
Washington and the nation. Gettysburg
lies within an easy ride by automobile,
and the construction of a good, modern
road to the most celebrated battle-
field of the civil war would be a mat-
ter of great convenience and would im-
mortalize to the pleasure of the people
of this city. Such a highway would also
be a source of delight to thousands of
tourists who come to Washington from
all parts of the country, and who could
take the short side trip to Gettysburg,
riding through a picturesque country,
part of the way over the very routes
over which the contending armies
rushed to conflict in 1863.The propriety of calling the highway
by the name of Lincoln is apparent,
inasmuch as it would connect the National
Capital with the scene of Lincoln's great
address.

Trace in the Conflict.

While the utterances of banquet ora-
tors do not have weight of law or sanc-
tion of court or custom, they do often
indicate the trend of public effort to-
ward the solution of grave political and
social problems. At the banquet of the
members and guests of the National
Civic Federation both President Taft
and Speaker Clark were authority for
the statement that a truce has been de-
clared in the conflict between capital
and labor, and it was intimated that
only a brief time will be required to es-
tablish a large measure of readjustment
in the relations between the two.President Taft in his address refer-
red especially to the workmen's com-
pensation act pending in Congress,
which he hopes will be enacted into law.
The President declared that this mea-
sure would go far toward clearing the
way to industrial peace in this country.Speaker Clark took the view that the
discussion of the relation between the
industrial forces and the general educa-
tion going on, which will result in

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

A FULL LINE.

March is busy showing weather
With much gloom.
Has arranged the styles together,
As you see.Snow in winter, heat in summer.
Rain in fall.
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Of them all.Uncle Pennywise Says:
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But somebody stepped on it.Playing Safe.
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young couple.""Not until after they have located a
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LATEST GOSSIP OF FOREIGN CAPITALS

It has been settled finally that the
Prince of Wales is to marry an under-
graduate in Magdalen College, Ox-
ford, next Michaelmas term.For a precedent of a Prince of Wales
entering Oxford one has to go back to
the early days of King Edward, as the
present ruler of Great Britain was sent
to Greenwich to be trained for the
vocation which at that time seemed to be
the vocation best suited to him as a young
son of royalty. The story of King
George's boyhood and manhood is that of
a sailor prince.The late King Edward studied in Edin-
burgh for a time, but at the age of
eleven it was decided by Queen Victoria
that he ought to matriculate at one of
the great English universities.He entered Christ Church, Oxford, for
the October term of 1864. He did not
live in the college dormitory, but in a
house and establishment of his own. He
enjoyed the best society in the university
town of the '60s and entertained a great
deal. He played tennis a good deal, and
was very fond of driving, but did not do
much rowing or showing enthusiasm for
cricket.Dean Liddell, Dean Stanley, and Prof.
Goldwin Smith were his chief tutors.
They reported that they found him keen
to learn. In fact, the future "beau
vivant" set a fine example to other un-
dergraduates by his regular attendance at
lectures. He did not remain at Christ
Church long enough to take his degree
in the regular way, as his studies were
interrupted by his visit to America.In January, 1861, Albert Edward went
to Trinity College, Cambridge, where
also he lived out of college, in an old
manor house near the city, called Mad-
ingley Hall. Here he came under the
tutelage of the famous Cambridge scholar,
the famous author of "Hypatia," and "West-
ward Ho," who taught the future King
history. The young prince, in those days,
often used to dine in the college hall
with the masters and fellows.While at Cambridge he hunted a good
deal, and played in private theatricals.
Later in life he regretted he had been
kept too much aloof from the ordinary
undergraduate life, and when his eldest
son, the late Duke of Clarence, matricu-
lated at Trinity College, Cambridge, he
had rooms in Neville's court, and entered
fully into the camaraderie of student life.It is probable that the young Prince of
Wales will follow the same tradition at
Magdalen and share the life of his fel-
low-undergraduates without being kept in
solitary state on account of his high
rank and future destiny.I hear that the youthful Prince of
Wales is getting to be quite a fisherman.
Since taking after his father, the present
King. This being the case, they should
have sent him to Cambridge in prefer-
ence, the vicinity of which abounds in
the choicest speckled brook trout.When it comes to fish and fish diet
royalty scarcely can be criticized for a
lack of fondness for it. As a matter of
fact, fish forms the favorite dish of quite
a number of Europe's kings and queens.
King George, it is well known, has a dis-
tinct partiality for smoked salmon. His
father, too, was very fond of this dish,
and also had a great weakness for fresh-
water fish, particularly pickerel.Queen Victoria much preferred whitebait, al-
though boiled turbot figured largely in
the royal menu at her table. Carl is the
German Emperor's favorite fish, while
the partiality of his grandfather, the first
Emperor William, for the humble but
succulent herring caused him to be sick-
named the "Herring King." President
Faure, by the way, once asked the pre-
sident of the Russian national fish be-
lieved that "cod" cooked in olive oil
was the "car's" rep.I should like to
eat it twice a day.As the wife of the new lord chamberlain,
Lady Sandhurst will occupy a promi-
nent position at all functions at the
court of St. James. She is a daughter
of the late Matthew Arnold, whose lit-
erary talents she inherited. As the
widow of Mr. Armine Woodhouse, young-
est son of the late Lord Kimberley, shewas married to the new lord chamberlain
only three years ago. Lord Sandhurst,
by the way, is the brother-in-law of his
predecessor in office, Lord Spencer, his
first wife having been Lady Victoria
Spencer, daughter of the fourth Lord
Spencer, and a granddaughter of the late
Queen Victoria.The present lord chamberlain, who is
the second Baron Sandhurst, is the son
of a British officer, who, as Sir William
Mansfield, served with distinction in the
Sutlej and Punjab campaigns, and as
chief of staff in the suppression of the
Indian mutiny. He was born in 1835, and
succeeded to the title (which was created
in 1871) in 1905. Lord Sandhurst served
for a time in the Coldstream Guards, is
an ex-undersecretary for war, and ex-
governor of Bombay from 1885 to 1890,
during which time he was closely associ-
ated with the problem of the suppres-
sion of the plague.The new lord chamberlain was made
a member of the privy council in 1906.There is no ground whatever for con-
necting Lord Spencer's resignation as
lord chamberlain with the recent agita-
tion concerning the conscription. Lord
Spencer's physical condition has been in
an unsatisfactory state during the past
two years. He proposed to resign his
trifling office a year ago, but consented
to hold it a while longer in the hope that
he would recuperate his health fully. It
will be remembered that he was unable
to officiate at the coronation last year,
nor did his health permit him to attend
the King and Queen on the Indian trip.It is rather surprising that in these
days any one with a reputation to lose
should covet the office of examiner of
deeds. But Mr. Sandal has undertaken
the post, and he ought to be as compe-
tent as any man can be to dis-
charge the duty satisfactorily. Perhaps
the prospect of having a colleague to
share the burden may have influenced
him, but what has happened up to now
hardly suggests that Mr. Brookfield's
collaboration will make his colleague's
task more agreeable. The truth is that
the office is an arduous one, and it cer-
tainly does not seem desirable from any
point of view that its duties should con-
tinually be discharged by a court func-
tionary, or even two.The long and very costly litigation con-
cerning Dunstons Castle has ended
rather absurdly. The Duke of Argyll
sought to have that castle declared to be
his property with the right to elect Mr.
Campbell, who inherited the estate. The
court has decided that the duke is the
rightful owner of the castle, inasmuch
as he is the "superior" of the estate
(meaning, no doubt, head of the Camp-
bell clan). But Mr. Campbell, the occu-
pant by right of inheritance, cannot be
disturbed and he is to continue to hold
the place as "vassal."In other words, he is bound to render
to the duke such services as were un-
dertaken by his ancestor several cen-
turies ago under the original grant, ex-
cept in so far as these have since been
affected by legislation. It is expected
that there will be an appeal to the
House of Lords, but most reasonable
people will be of the opinion that the
Duke of Argyll has already wasted
more than enough money on perfectly
useless litigation.A feat of dauntless heroism at the re-
tail of London during the month of
February, the death of the admiral of
the British fleet, Sir Nowell Salmon,
Sir Nowell, at that time a lieutenant
and twenty-two years of age, was with
the naval brigade, and it became neces-
sary for some one to climb a palm tree
overhanging the wall of the Shah Nabaj.
In order to determine the enemy's exact
position. Although the exploit meant al-
most certain death, young Salmon
promptly volunteered to climb the tree.
He was the target for a hundred rifles.
Bullets tore away the leaves of the tree,
and pierced his clothing. While descend-
ing he was badly wounded, but he was,
nevertheless, able to make a full report,
and his information resulted in the great-
est service. For his bravery he was
awarded the Victoria Cross.He joined the British man-of-war
Dragon, a paddle-wheel steam frigate, in
1871, when only four years old, and
first saw active service in the Baltic
during the Crimean war. FLANKER.
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VEST POCKET ESSAYS

By GEORGE FITCH

Author of "At Good Old Slaw"

BOSTON

Boston is a slightly congested portion
of Massachusetts, containing 700,000 in-
habitants and several thousand descendants of
the early colonial governors. It is the
fifth city in population in the United States,
and as soon as it has increased its mem-
ber-ship limit by taking in Cambridge, Som-
erville, and Brookline, which hedge it
in on all sides, it will have a million
people, and citizens of St. Louis will ex-
pire from envy in heaps.Boston is a small city in area, but
emits a vast amount of intellectual at-
mosphere, being full of universities, in-
stitutes, and high brow gymnastics of all
sorts. This causes it to look oddly on
the rude West, and its people never
weary of expressing in the most beautiful
solid masonry language their entire con-
tempt with Boston. If a man hasn't a
string of degrees after his name, which
looks like the tail of a kite, he is re-
sented, coldly in Boston, and is consid-
ered to help govern the city for a living.
Boston is run in the same old familiar
way, and the third degree is the only
degree with which its politicians are fa-
miliar.Boston has other peculiar peculiarities, too.
A Boston man never takes his visitors
around to see a twenty-story office build-
ing or a forty-acre factory. He talks
about his public library and its organiza-
tion, his river banks, the old churches, and
his graveyards, and its history. Boston is
so full of history that parts of the city
are almost paved with brass memorial
plates, while its graveyards are full of
famous old patriots, and the newcomer
who is not related to some prominent
tomestone, stands a poor chance, indeed.Boston abounds in chimney pots, ivy,
streets cars, street cars, halloos, and
old residences which are trying to
disguise themselves as store buildings.
Its only skyscraper is Bunker Hill Mon-
ument, a hotel, which once tried to
show its way into the skyline, was rudely
amputated at the eighth story by the
department of public art. The citysight to see a narrow and uncertain
street, like Washington street, trying to
handle the retail business of a great met-
ropolis, and to watch the street cars
plowing through the mud and leaving the
pedestrians in a great furrow on either
side. Boston's most celebrated streets
are Beacon street, which was named from
the literary lights which once resided on
it, and Commonwealth avenue, so named
because wealth is the only common thing
on it.The modern parts of Boston are very
beautiful, and the city has thoughtfully
provided a subway by which the stranger
can get to the business and the cele-
brated Boston Common without seeing
them.

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COMMITTEE DOWNS

DIRECT PRIMARIES

Bristow Bill Giving District Right
to Select Presidential Candi-
dates Is Beaten, 6 to 4.By a vote of 6 to 4 the Senate District
Committee yesterday adversely reported
the bill introduced by Senator Bristow,
which provides for the holding of Presi-
dential preference primaries in the Dis-
trict. As a result of the close vote, it is
expected that the friends of the bill
will carry their fight to the floor of the
Senate.The allies (voting to adversely report)
were Senators Gallinger, Dillingham,
Loring, Martin, and Johnston.The allies were Senators Worke, Pomeroy,
Curtis, and Jones.The committee ordered a favorable re-
port on the Bristow bill, directing the
Commissioners to reimburse the police
and firemen's pension fund from licenses
(other than liquor licenses) of the Dis-
trict.It also favorably reported the bill au-
thorizing the extension of New Hamp-
shire avenue to the District line, and au-
thorizing the widening of Spring road
between the Hibernia avenue and
Twentieth street northwest.Bills providing for the grading of Min-
nesota avenue from Good Hope road to
Eighteenth street northeast, for the im-
provement of Pennsylvania avenue south-
east from Bowen street to the District
line, and authorizing the Commissioners
to accept a donation for a Carnegie
Library on Congress Heights were ad-
versely reported.

AMONG THE CANDIDATES.

From the Columbia (S. C.) State.
Senator La Follette is a finished states-
man.From the Birmingham News.
At the present time, the Roosevelt
boom is lost in a mass of explanations.From the Richmond Journal.
It would be interesting to know what
noise it was that Roosevelt mistook for
a call of the people.